

Marian/Marianist Days and Feast Days  
December 2019

Date	Feast	Description
8	<b>Immaculate Conception-Patronal Feast of the Marianist Sisters</b>	<i>This date is the memorial of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is the patronal feast of the Marianist Sisters, the Daughters of Mary Immaculate. NACMS website</i>
<p>Let us have our society serve to excite us all to love and serve the good Lord. All to His greater honor and glory! This must be our continual watchword. (<i>Letter #106, June 21, 1809</i>)</p> <hr/> <p>Lord, fill our hearts with the fire of your love.            May it enkindle in us the desire to make you known and loved!            May it make us poor with the poor, strangers with strangers....            Then, transformed by your love, which saves us,            we will be able to open our hearts to every distress,            making ourselves available for the little ones and the poor;            and we will become inventive in order to answer their thirst.            Yes, Lord, enkindle in us the fire of your love!            Amen.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Walking with Adele, p. 71 By Marie-Jeolle Bec, FMI</i></p>		
12	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe-Patroness of the Americas</b>	<i>This feast commemorates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in 1531 at Tepeyac, on the outskirts of Mexico City. In one of her appearances to the aboriginal convert, Juan Diego, she left an imprint of her image on a cloak. This cloak is an object of great veneration and is preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, one of the major pilgrimage centers of North America. Devotion to Our Lady under this title has grown over the centuries and in 1946 Pope Pius XII named her a patron of the Americas. NACMS website</i>
<i>Marianist Family Prayer Book, vol. 2</i>		
25	<b>Nativity of Our Lord</b>	
<p>Mary, we come to you as once did the shepherds and kings,            To find Jesus, our King and Shepherd.            We offer you our lives today.            May we always find Jesus with you and treasure all the wondrous things            which come to those who search for Jesus in faith.            May the Most Holy Trinity be glorified in every heart, in every age,            in every place through the ever Blessed Virgin Mary.            Amen.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Marianist Family Prayer Book, vol. 2</i></p>		

27	<b>St. John the Beloved-Patron of the Society of Mary</b>	
<p>We have all been conceived of Mary, we must be born of Mary, and formed by Mary to the resemblance of Jesus Christ. (<i>Marian Writings 2 § 678</i>)</p>		
<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Marianist Family Prayer Book, vol. 2</i></p>		
<p><sup>25</sup> Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman,<sup>[a]</sup> here is your son,” <sup>27</sup> and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.</p>		
<p style="text-align: right;"><i>John 19:25-27 New International Version (NIV)</i></p>		
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Upcoming dates for next month

January

- January 1: Mary, Mother of God
- January 10: Blessed [Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon](#)  
Foundress of the Marianist Sisters and the Marianist Family
- January 22: Blessed William Joseph Chaminade  
Founder of the Society of Mary and the Marianist Family